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**MAN WHO SHOT UP THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT  
BUILDING PLEADS GUILTY IN MANHATTAN FEDERAL COURT**

JAMES B. COMEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that STEVE KIM pled guilty today in Manhattan federal court to assault with a dangerous weapon upon foreign officials and their premises in connection with an incident at the United Nations Secretariat building.

KIM, 57, was charged in a one-count Information with firing seven rounds from a .357 revolver after jumping over the front gate of the UN building. After the shootings, which left bullet holes in the building and shattered windows, KIM was immediately arrested by the United States Secret Service, and taken into custody by the FBI.

An earlier criminal Complaint filed against KIM described the preparation KIM had made prior to the assault, including fasting for the 48-hour period preceding the attack

because he believed that this would increase the likelihood of success in the event he was shot and needed surgery. The Complaint also described how KIM had previously come to New York to reconnoiter the United Nations complex before the attack.

KIM pled guilty to violating a law that makes it a federal crime to assault, strike, or offer violence against a foreign official or the official's premises.

KIM could face a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime.

Mr. COMEY praised the quick and courageous response of the United States Secret Service, the United Nations Security and Safety Service, the New York City Police Department, the Diplomatic Security Service of the Department of State, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in this case.

KIM, 57, a post office employee, is a resident of Des Plaines, Illinois. KIM has been held without bail since his arrest on these charges.

Assistant United States Attorney MATTHEW L. BIBEN is in charge of the prosecution.

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